



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.


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Region 9, San Francisco, California

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# Tribal Program Newsletter

## Meetings and Conferences

### Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

 Mar 7-9	Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)	Arlington, VA	Lillian A. Wilmore 617-232-5742 or email: <a href="mailto:naecology@aol.com">naecology@aol.com</a>
Mar 27-30	Tribal Water Quality Monitoring and CWA Section 106 Grant Guidance Training	Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians reservation	<a href="http://www.tribalwater.net/">http://www.tribalwater.net/</a> click "EPA Tribal CWA106 Training" or call Jenee Gavette, 415-972-3439
 Apr 10-11	Eighth Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP)	Washington, DC	<a href="http://www.csg.org/policy/enviro/documents/callforposters3hyper.pdf">http://www.csg.org/policy/enviro/documents/callforposters3hyper.pdf</a>
Apr 24-26	Regional Tribal Operating Committee (RTOC)	San Francisco, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or <a href="mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov">hecht.hillary@epa.gov</a>
Jul 24-26	RTOC Meeting	Pechanga, CA	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or <a href="mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov">hecht.hillary@epa.gov</a>
Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or <a href="mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov">hecht.hillary@epa.gov</a>
Oct 17-19	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or <a href="mailto:dignan.lilia@epa.gov">dignan.lilia@epa.gov</a>

### Hosted: Oak Mortality Taskforce:

Mar 5-9	Sudden Oak Death Conference	Santa Rosa, CA	<a href="http://nature.berkeley.edu/omtf/">http://nature.berkeley.edu/omtf/</a> Katie Palmieri, 510-847-5482
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### Sponsor: Salmonid Restoration Federation

Mar 7-10	Salmonid Restoration Federation Conference	Santa Rosa, CA	<a href="http://www.calsalmon.org/conference/2007/2007conference.htm">http://www.calsalmon.org/conference/2007/2007conference.htm</a> or email <a href="mailto:srf@calsalmon.org">srf@calsalmon.org</a>
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### Sponsor: Oregon Sea Grant

Apr. 3-5	Pacific Salmon Conference	Portland, OR	Eric Dickey, 541-737-2715 or <a href="mailto:eric.dickey@oregonstate.edu">eric.dickey@oregonstate.edu</a> <a href="http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/resilience/">http://oregonstate.edu/conferences/resilience/</a>
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**Sponsor: Walking Shield, Inc.**

Mar 22-23	Walking Shield Conference	Las Vegas, NV	<a href="mailto:bgonzalez@walkingshield.org">bgonzalez@walkingshield.org</a>
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**Sponsor: Sustainable Development Institute**

Jun 11-15	Sharing Indigenous Wisdom: An International Dialogue on Sustainable Development Conference	Green Bay, WI	<a href="http://www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org">www.SharingIndigenousWisdom.org</a> or <a href="http://www.SustainableDevelopmentInstitute.org">Sustainable Development Institute</a>
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**Sponsor: Cal/EPA**

May 29- Jun 1	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Cal/EPA Cross Media Enforcement Symposium	Napa, CA	<a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm">http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/enfsym.htm</a>
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**Trainings****Sponsor: Governor's Office of Planning and Research**

Mar 8	Local and Tribal Intergovernmental Consultation: Senate Bill 18 Training session	Palm Springs, CA	916-445-0613 <a href="mailto:cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov">cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.opr.ca.gov">http://www.opr.ca.gov</a>
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**Sponsor: International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management**

Mar 21-22	Indian Energy in an Uncertain Climate	Denver, CO	<a href="mailto:mervtano@iirm.org">mervtano@iirm.org</a> or <a href="mailto:iirm@iirm.org">iirm@iirm.org</a> or call Mervyn Tano, 303-733-0481
Mar 26-27	The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Indian Country	Denver, CO	<a href="mailto:mervtano@iirm.org">mervtano@iirm.org</a> or <a href="mailto:iirm@iirm.org">iirm@iirm.org</a> or call Mervyn Tano, 303-733-0481

**Sponsor: EPA, Region 9**

Apr 4-6	GAP Workshop for new tribal staff	San Francisco, CA	Tim Grant, 415-972-3783 <a href="mailto:grant.timothy@epa.gov">grant.timothy@epa.gov</a>
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**Sponsor: EPA and the American Lung Association**

Mar 19-23	Tribal Indoor Air Training	San Carlos, AZ	Louise Hill, 415-947-4192 or <a href="mailto:hill.louise@epa.gov">hill.louise@epa.gov</a>
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**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

Mar 12-13	Complete Surface Water & Sediment Sampling Field Course	Tampa, FA	See below
Mar 26-27	Same as above	Houston, TX	See below
Mar 19-23	Complete Ground-Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA	See below
Apr 30-May 4	Complete Ground-Water Monitoring Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
Mar 21-23	Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	Tampa, FL	See below
May 2-4	Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
May 15-18	Environmental Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below

Contact the school at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com), call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at [www.envirofieldschool.com](http://www.envirofieldschool.com) for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.

**Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)**

Mar 5-9	Water Distribution – Level Two	Tempe, AZ	See below
Mar 13-14	Water Treatment –Level One	Tempe, AZ	See below
Mar 26-30	Safe Drinking Water Act and Water Laboratory	Phoenix, AZ	See below

For more information, call Deborah Patton, 602-307-1548 or fax 602-258-4825 or go to

<http://www.itcaonline.com/>.

**Sponsors: Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Native Waters Director Scott Frazier, Environmental Education and Training Partnership (EETAP)**

Mar 30-31	Native Waters Project Wet Workshop	Gardnerville, NV	Denice Morpew , 775-265-8684 or Mary Kay Riedl, 775-687-9454
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**Sponsor: California Indian Health Services**

Apr 10-12	Water Distribution Operations Course	Pala, CA,	David Robbins Ph# 760-735-6891
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**Sponsor: The Grant Institute's Grants 101:**

Apr 18-20	Professional Grant Proposal Writing	Providence, RI	For more information call 888-824-4424 or go to <a href="http://www.thegrantinstitute.com">http://www.thegrantinstitute.com</a>
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**Sponsor: University of California, School of Law**

Mar 15-16	Conserving Indian Country	Berkeley, CA	<a href="mailto:ej@bloat.org">ej@bloat.org</a>
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**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals**

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for our courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a complete listing of course catalog, please go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887

**Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: [totten.arthur@epa.gov](mailto:totten.arthur@epa.gov) or go to the following Web site for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com> or <http://www.netionline.com>

**Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding through the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity announcement solicitation will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete takes a minimum of 15 days to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, you are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted> . Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **Department of Energy (DOE)**

#### **Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, DOE, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands. For more information, go to: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.html>

### **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



EPA has posted the FY 2007 Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3) Grant Solicitation and is actively seeking initial proposals from interested applicants. The objective of this grant is to support an innovative project that advances the goals of SC3 by using lessons learned from other programs/demonstration projects to establish a SC3 "infrastructure" in a specific community that assists K-12 schools with their chemical management. The solicitation can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm> and [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and the deadline for submittal of initial proposals is March 14, 2007. Funding awarded under this solicitation will not exceed \$150,000.00. For additional information on this grant opportunity, please contact Kristina Meson at 703-308-8488; or by email: [meson.kristina@epa.gov](mailto:meson.kristina@epa.gov) .



#### **Tribal Compliance Assurance Programs**

EPA Region 9 plans to solicit proposals for Tribal compliance assurance programs this spring. EPA anticipates awarding approximately a total of \$150,000 in grants and/or cooperative agreements this summer. EPA anticipates awarding 1 to 3 grants and/or cooperative agreements ranging in size from approximately \$30,000 to \$90,000. The funding will support Tribal compliance activities including inspections for compliance with tribal laws, investigations, regulatory training, compliance assistance, outcome measurement, public education and outreach and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution. A deadline has not been set, but will be posted as soon as it is known. Federally-recognized tribal governments in the Region 9 geographic area and intertribal consortia representing Tribes in the Region 9 geographic area are eligible to apply. For more information contact, Kate Nooney, 415-947-4266



#### **FY 2007 Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project**

This project provides funding to tribes to close or cleanup open dumps, develop alternative disposal options, and/or establish integrated solid waste management programs. Deadline for submittal of proposals is March 22, For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/07-03.pdf>.

If you have questions, contact H. White at 415-972-3384, or [white.heather@epa.gov](mailto:white.heather@epa.gov), Region 9, or T. Hawkins at 703-308-8278 or [hawkins.tonya@epa.gov](mailto:hawkins.tonya@epa.gov) in the HQ office. Eligible entities may apply for funding under one or more of the four categories: (1) Proposals to characterize/assess open dumps; (2) Proposals to develop integrated solid waste management (ISWM) plans and tribal codes and regulations; (3) Proposals to develop and implement alternative solid waste management activities/facilities (including equipment acquisition); and (4) Proposals to develop and implement cleanup, closure, and post-closure programs for open dumps in Indian Country.



### **Renewed Communities**

EPA requests proposals for the Community for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program. CARE supports community partnerships to develop a comprehensive understanding of the many sources of risk from toxics and environmental pollutants, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. The long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future. \$2.7 is million expected to be available, and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Applications are due April 9. For more information, contact Larry Weinstock at [weinstock.larry@epa.gov](mailto:weinstock.larry@epa.gov) or Dave Ryan, 202-564-4355 [ryan.dave@epa.gov](mailto:ryan.dave@epa.gov) or go to: [http://www.epa.gov/air/grants\\_funding.html#0702](http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0702) or [epa.gov/care/](http://epa.gov/care/)



### **Healthy Communities - New England**

EPA Region 1 requests proposals for the Healthy Communities Grant Program. This program supports projects in areas including but not limited to: Targeted resources for the benefit of sensitive populations and communities at risk, and building institutional and community capacity to understand and solve environment and human health problems. Project must take place in EPA Region 1 which includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 25 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 11. For more information, contact Sandra Brownwell at [Brownwell.Sandra@epa.gov](mailto:Brownwell.Sandra@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opId=12476&mode=VIEW>.



### **Pollution Prevention**

EPA requests proposals for the Pollution Prevention Grants Program (P2). P2 seeks to assist businesses and industries to identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. Areas of interest include but are not limited to, the reduction or elimination of pollutants through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources. \$4.5 million is expected to be available and up to 60 awards are anticipated. Responses are due April 2. For more information, including EPA Region-specific priorities, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/ppis/2007fpp2grant.htm>.



### **Indoor Air Quality – Region 10**

EPA, Region 10 requests proposals for Indoor Air Quality Projects focused on the following areas: Assistance on the adoption of EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools Program; education on indoor asthma triggers and exposure reduction; environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) education and exposure reduction; general IAQ training, education, and outreach. Projects must be performed in EPA Region 10 which includes AK, ID, OR and WA. \$170K is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are anticipated. Responses are due April 2. For more information, contact Davis Zhen at [Zhen.Davis@epa.gov](mailto:Zhen.Davis@epa.gov) or go to: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/AIRPAGE.NSF/webpage/Indoor+Air+Grants+Request+for+Proposals+in+EPA+Region+10>.



### **Lead Based Paint Outreach and Training**

EPA requests proposals for the National Community-Based Lead Outreach and Training Grant Program, for projects that help to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in low-income communities with older housing.

This program focuses on the approximately 310,000 children who remain at risk for adverse health effects of elevated blood-lead levels. Potential activities include outreach, training, and ordinance development. \$1.5 million is expected to be available and up to 8 awards anticipated. Responses due April 2. For more information, contact Darlene Watford at [watford.darlene@epa](mailto:watford.darlene@epa) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/outreach-traininggrant.pdf>.

### **Strategic Agriculture – Region 9**

EPA Region 9, requests proposals for the Strategic Agricultural Initiative, for projects that foster transition by the agricultural community to the use of less and reduced risk pesticides, alternative methods of pest control and sustainable practices in food production. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that include a “whole systems” approach by integrating pest, soil, water and crop management practices; address an array of commodities; incorporate conservation planning; or that focus on “sustainable” agriculture. Projects must be implemented within Region 9. \$400K expected to be available, up to 6 awards anticipated. Responses are due March 19. For more information, contact Cindy Wire at [wire.cindy@epa.gov](mailto:wire.cindy@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/fqpa-strategic-ag-2007.html>.

### **Tribal Grants Guidance to Promote Environmental Results**

A new EPA publication will help Indian tribes design and implement successful water quality programs. The Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes sets goals and requirements for grant recipients and provides a framework for evaluating program results. The guidelines will help redefine how tribes implement the Clean Water Act to protect, restore, and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters. Contacts: (Media only) Dale Kemery, 202-564-4355 / [kemery.dale@epa.gov](mailto:kemery.dale@epa.gov) (Other inquiries) Lena Ferris, (202) 564-8831 / [ferris.lena@epa.gov](mailto:ferris.lena@epa.gov) For additional information on these grants to go: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/106tgg07.htm>

### **Working with the Chemical Strategies Partnership**

EPA has funded the Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP), an independent non-profit organization, to work with a tribe to evaluate opportunities to reduce chemical and waste costs. Anticipated benefits to the tribe include reducing costs, reducing hazardous and solid waste, and reducing toxic materials. CSP would like to select a tribe from Region 9 and is asking interested R9 tribes to please submit their interest. CSP is especially interested in tribes that may have multiple chemical-using operations in a centralized location. For more information, please contact Jeff Cole at 415-421-3405 x32 or [jeff@chemicalstrategies.org](mailto:jeff@chemicalstrategies.org)

### **Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)**

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a “safety net” to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at [meer.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:meer.daniel@epa.gov).

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities.



Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

### **Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative**

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at 415-972-3355 or email to: [warren.carl@epa.gov](mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov)

## **U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**



### **Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) – New Hampshire and Pennsylvania**

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania State Offices request proposals for CIG. CIG seeks to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. Projects must take place in NH or PA. For New Hampshire \$190K is expected to be available and up to 6 awards anticipated. Contact Hollie Umphrey at [hollie.umphrey@nh.usda.gov](mailto:hollie.umphrey@nh.usda.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=12278> . For Pennsylvania, \$300K is expected to be available and up to 5 awards are anticipated. Responses are due March 2. For more information, contact Noel Soto at [noel.soto@pa.usda.gov](mailto:noel.soto@pa.usda.gov) or go to: <http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CIG.html> .

### **Rural Business Opportunity Grants**

This program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs through support of economic planning for rural communities, technical assistance for rural businesses, and training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials. \$1.5 million is expected to be available; the average grant is \$50K. Responses are due March 30. For more information, go to: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbog.htm> .

## **Department of the Interior (DOI)**



### **National Center for Cooperative Education in Natural Resources**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering tuition assistance up to \$5,000 annually for American Indians accepted into or enrolled in a Natural Resources Programs in an accredited college or university or pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree. For more information call Dr. Doug Eifler, 785-749-8414 or [daeifler@fs.fed.us](mailto:daeifler@fs.fed.us) . The application deadline is March 5.



### **Water Conservation – Great Plains Region**

DOI, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region requests proposals for Water Conservation Field Services. Through this initiative, Reclamation seeks projects that focus on Water Management Planning, Water Conservation Education, Demonstration of Innovative Technologies, and Implementation of Conservation Measures. Proposed project must have a defined relationship with one or more targeted Reclamation projects in

TX, OK or KS. \$80K is expected to be available and up to 8 awards are anticipated. Responses are due March 30. For more information, contact Kimball Banks at [kbanks@gp.usbr.gov](mailto:kbanks@gp.usbr.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=12415>



#### **Water Conservation – Yuma**

DOI, Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, requests proposals for the Water Conservation Program. This initiative will support the development of effective water management and conservation plans; encourage and promote implementation of water efficiency measures; demonstrate conservation technologies; and promote and support water education in the Yuma area. \$236K is expected to be available and up to three awards are anticipated. Responses are due March 23. For more information, contact Brenda Murray at [blmurray@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:blmurray@lc.usbr.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=12311> .

#### **Other Funding Sources**



#### **A+ for Energy - Chicago**

British Petroleum (BP) requests proposals for the A+ for Energy Grant Program. This program recognizes pre-K-12 teachers from a number of locations for innovation and excellence in teaching energy and/or energy conservation in the classroom. One million is expected to be available and awards range from \$5K to \$10K. Responses are due March 23. For more information go to: <http://www.aplusforenergy.com/program-info.php>



#### **Administration for Native Americans/ACF/DHHS**

The Environmental Regulatory Enhancement Program has approximately \$1.5 million available to fund 20 to 30 grants up to \$250,000. This grant is provided for the strengthening of tribal governments or organizations through capacity building in order to identify, plan, develop and implement environmental programs in a manner that is consistent with tribal culture for native communities. Deadline is Mar 14. For more information go to <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/pdf/HHS-2007-ACF-ANA-NR-0008.pdf> or e-mail: [tichappelle@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:tichappelle@acf.hhs.gov)

#### **Environmental Reporting**

The Grantham Foundation requests applications for the Grantham Prize for Excellence in Reporting on the Environment. This program recognizes the work of one journalist or team of journalists for exemplary reporting on the environment. One award of \$75K is anticipated. Responses are due March 5. For more information, go to: <http://www.granthamprize.org/index.htm>.

#### **Mining-Impacted Indigenous Communities**

The Indigenous Environmental Network and the Western Mining Action Network request proposals for the Indigenous Communities Mini-Grant Program. This program supports capacity building efforts of mining-impacted indigenous communities to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and the ecological health within their traditional territories. Individual grants NTE \$2.5K. Responses are due June 1, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004782/nativephilanthropy>

#### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316



### **Housing and Community Development in California**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov)

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>. For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

### **The California Department of Water Resources**

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail [wue@water.ca.gov](mailto:wue@water.ca.gov) or 916-651-9666 or email [baryohay@water.ca.gov](mailto:baryohay@water.ca.gov)

## **Employment Opportunities**



The America's Byways(r) Resource Center located in Duluth, Minnesota, is looking for a highly energetic and experienced professional to join their fast-paced team as a Tribal Liaison. This position involves working with tribes, tribal governments across the country on developing a byway program, byway planning, designation and management and act as a liaison for tribes, state governments, the Federal Highway Administration and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on scenic byway issues. Position is open until filled. Resumes are accepted at [www.ardc.org](http://www.ardc.org). For questions, please contact: Mary Zanoni, Human Resources Manager, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, 221 West First Street, Duluth, MN 55802, 218-.529-.7543

### **Tribal Environmental Director, Wiyot Tribe, Table Bluff Reservation, Loleta, CA**

The Tribal Environmental Director supervises and directs the Tribal Environmental Department. The department develops, promulgates and monitors all aspects of the Tribe's environmental programs, including the ongoing restoration of Indian Island and efforts to ecologically restore the Eel River, and serves as an education function for the youth and other community/Tribal members. The department also provides environmental health and safety support for the physical plant and public works functions of the Tribe. A Bachelor's Degree in environmental field of study or equivalent experience and education is required. For additional information and to

apply contact the Wiyot Tribe to obtain an Employment Application, 707-733-5055, [www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us). Return your completed application along with resume, cover letter, and three references to: Wiyot Tribe, 1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551

### **Two environmental positions at Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)**

**Pesticide Specialist.** ITCA seeks a person who will be responsible for developing, maintaining, and conducting technical training for tribal pesticide program personnel; performing on-site technical assistance; and accomplishing research and analysis program development and implementation work related to activities of the pesticide program.

**Program Coordinator.** ITCA seeks a person who will administer project activities in accordance with EPA grants, which include: developing and implementing work plan activities, preparing and monitoring program budgets, producing written and verbal reports, and coordinating and facilitating meetings, workshops and technical training sessions.

Submit or FAX resumes to: ITCA, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Attn: Bette Hartsfield, Human Resources Specialist or call 602 258-4822 or FAX 602-258-4825. These positions will remain open until filled.

### **The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians announces two employment opportunities.**

**Environmental Technician:** Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Hydro Geologist, incumbent will perform specific objective and work plan activities under established environmental grants. This position will perform a variety of field tasks in support of tribal environmental and development projects. Candidate must have three years field experience.

**Senior Planner:** This person will perform a selection of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills.

If you are interested in either of the above positions please email your cover letter and resume to [mgomez@aguacaliente.net](mailto:mgomez@aguacaliente.net) or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

### **Environmental Coordinator**

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain opened until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email [dsterling@augustinetribes.com](mailto:dsterling@augustinetribes.com)

## **Miscellaneous Items**

### **Tribal Resource Directory for Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment**

This directory highlights more than 30 federal and non-federal programs that provide funding and technical assistance for tribal drinking water and wastewater systems. It is accessible by going to <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/indian/tribal-resource-directory.html>. The Web site features a simple search tool, program fact sheets, examples of tribal success stories, and allows printing of a pdf copy of the Directory. Hard-copies will be distributed widely to federally recognized tribes, EPA Regional Indian Coordinators, and tribal assistance providers. Copies of the Tribal Resource Directory (EPA 832-R-06-007) will also be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications starting in mid-December. To order paper copies, call: 1-800-490-9198.

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

### **Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet**

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

### **Logo Requests**

Tribes interested in having their logo featured on the EPA Tribal Program Web site may email a copy to Tina L. Williams, GAP Project Officer at [williams.tina@epa.gov](mailto:williams.tina@epa.gov). For questions, please call her at 415-972-3784. The electronic logs will be used only for display purposes on the EPA Region 9 Web site. To view logos featured, go to the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

### **America's Children and the Environment Web site**

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

### **American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)**

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email [liu.ed@epa.gov](mailto:liu.ed@epa.gov) or call 202-564-0287.

### **Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov).

### **2006 "Tribal Water Quality Accomplishments" booklet now available**

The Water Division, Tribal Office, with the help of Region 9 tribes, created a booklet which highlights the accomplishments of tribal water pollution control programs in the Pacific Southwest. Please visit our website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-cwa.html>, and click on the "NEW Tribal Accomplishments 2006"

link under the "Water Pollution Control Program" section. If you have any questions/comments regarding this publication, contact Jared Vollmer at 415-972-3447, or email at [vollmer.jared@epa.gov](mailto:vollmer.jared@epa.gov).

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

### **Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook**

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance>.

### **National Response Center (NRC):**

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

### **Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

### **Inspector Credentials**

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or [baranco.angela@epa.gov](mailto:baranco.angela@epa.gov).

### **EPA Guidelines and General Guidance**

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

## Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>  
[http://www.wiyot.us/River\\_Summit.htm](http://www.wiyot.us/River_Summit.htm)  
[http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news\\_october\\_2006.htm](http://www.iiirm.org/news/2006/news_october_2006.htm)  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>  
<https://www2.azserc.org/AZSERCHome/GatekeeperNewsletter/tabid/90/Default.aspx>  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>

EPA's compliance assistance newsletter, the CA COMPASS:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
Storm Water: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol1no1.pdf>  
Healthcare: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompass2-2006.pdf>  
Educational Facilities: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol2no2.pdf>